

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**“SPECIAL” MEETING**

**Monday, June 16, 2014**

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**Monday, June 16, 2014  
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
University of Wyoming Campus, Old Main Boardroom  
Conference Call**

**AGENDA**

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a. Approval of CMAR High Bay Research Facility, Mai/Collins/Laursen	
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c. Approval of Historic Preservation Plan Update - Consultant Agreement, Mai/Collins/ Massie	
d. Approval of Architect/Engineer for the Arena Auditorium Renovation, Phase Two, Mai/Collins	
e. Approval of Trail Easement at Jacoby Golf Course, Mai/Collins	
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*Note: The Board held Executive Session following the completion of public session.*

### **Call to Order**

Board President Trustee Dave Palmerlee called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

Trustees participating: Dave Bostrom, Dick Davis, Betty Fear, John MacPherson, Jeff Marsh, Dave Palmerlee, Dave True, and Howard Willson. Ex-officio Trustees: University President Dick McGinity and ASUW President Ahmed Balogun were in attendance. Ex-officio Trustee Governor Matt Mead was not in attendance; Education Policy Advisor Mary Kay Hill attended on his behalf. Trustees Larry Gubbels, Warren Lauer, Brad Mead, and Wava Tully were not in attendance. Ex-officio Trustee Wyoming State Superintendent for Public Instruction Cindy Hill was not in attendance.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **1. College of Engineering Update—McGinity**

UW President Dick McGinity stated that he would make four major points regarding the College of Engineering. He first noted that there considerable progress was being made in assembling and identifying the candidates for the dean search committee. He noted that he had received a great deal of input from the constituents of the University. UW President McGinity stated that he was not in a position to name those on the committee. He then discussed the Wyoming Governor’s Energy, Engineering, STEM Integration Task Force (WGEESIT), and their work on the analysis of budgets, current spending, proposed spending and accounting, and funding for the coming academic year. He commented that the plans for the upcoming task force meeting were progressing. UW President McGinity briefly discussed the CMAR for the High Bay Research Facility, noting that this topic would be discussed with the task force in the coming weeks. Finally, he briefly discussed the engineering building and planning progress.

Trustee Palmerlee stated that after consulting the Governor’s Office and UW President McGinity, he suggested that Trustee Dave Bostrom remain on the WGEESIT and continue to be the Trustee representative on the task force.

Trustee Bostrom stated that he would be happy to continue in that role and noted that in a recent meeting, he was pleased with how the University and the task force were progressing and with what was being prepared for the task force to discuss at the next meeting.

#### **2. Science Initiative Update – McGinity**

UW President McGinity provided some background information on the Science Initiative, how the Initiative was the product of the last legislative session, and how the University would review its programming, facilities, etc. regarding foundational sciences at the University. A task force would be created to oversee this review, driven by input from carefully selected faculty. UW President McGinity noted that there was progress identifying members for the task force; however, there needed to be some additional vetting. He commented that he intended to begin contacting external members.

UW President McGinity commented that those who were selected as external members had three things in common: all were UW graduates with one exception, each was a serious and

accomplished scientist in his or her own field, and all were very successful entrepreneurs. He added that this would be a very powerful group. UW President McGinity stated that there was a high interest among the scientists involved and they were eager to get going on the Initiative. He added that the group would work with external members who would provide their views on technological evolution, how to meet market needs and evolve to meet the future needs of science, and how the institution would evolve to create scientists for 10 to 20 years in the future.

UW President McGinity added that the University was considering how to integrate this Science Initiative into STEM disciplines.

Trustee Howard Willson inquired about the position of the University in regard to the development and integration that was happening with the State Board of Education. He also asked about the difficulties of the legislative footnote and what the University’s plans were regarding public school and its involvement. Trustee Palmerlee thanked Trustee Willson for his question and noted that the Board would address his question and discuss “science standards” at their retreat in July.

The Board then briefly discussed some of the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **1. Approval of CMAR High Bay Research Facility—Mai/Collins/Laursen**

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming authorize contracting with the recommended first-ranked Construction Manager At-Risk, Haselden Wyoming Constructors, Laramie, Wyoming. If negotiations were not successful with the first-ranked firm, then negotiations would be terminated with the first-ranked firm and opened with the second-ranked firm. There were no questions from the Board.

#### **2. Approval of CMAR Corbett Pool Addition—Mai/Collins**

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming authorize contracting with GE Johnson Construction Wyoming of Jackson, Wyoming, the recommended first-ranked Construction Manager At-Risk, for the Corbett Pool addition. If negotiations were not successful with the first-ranked firm, then negotiations would be terminated with the first-ranked firm and opened with the second-ranked firm.

Trustee Palmerlee inquired about the O&M funding for a new pool. Vice President for Administration Bill Mai stated there was a lot of O&M for the current pool, and it would transfer over to the new project. He noted that there was hope of some cost saving with a newer, more efficient facility. Vice President Mai commented that O&M was part of many conversations when discussing new facilities for UW.

Trustee Marsh stated that it was very important for the Board to realize that the numbers for this project were not as clear as they could be, and the University needed to take a hard look at the cost of adding this facility. He mentioned that when a project such as this starts to dig into the delivery of education and research, the Board needed to think seriously about it. He added that he assumed this discussion would take place at the Board Retreat.

Trustee MacPherson expressed concern about the O&M costs associated with building this facility and inquired about if the University had fully committed to this project and how far down the track it was.

Trustee Palmerlee suggested that the accounting and financial management system that was being considered for the University be sophisticated enough to track and forecast future O&M requirements for University facilities.

Professor Colin Keeney, who attended on behalf of Faculty Senate Chair Ed Janak, stated that the issue of cost for O&M had come up with the Staff and Faculty Senates. He commented that he was speaking for both entities and that the groups were becoming increasingly concerned.

Professor Keeney asked if there would be a plan in place for the O&M of these new buildings before they come online. In many instances, the University was dealing with very sophisticated technology, and faculty felt they were hitting the breaking point on current facilities. He added that those managing the spaces were being pushed to take on more and more. Professor Keeney asked if the University needed to look at O&M funding support in the next budget request.

Vice President Mai stated that Professor Keeney was correct and that the University Physical Plant was taking cuts in personnel at the same time as the University was adding space. He commented that the administration was taking a positive direction to start addressing these issues. Vice President Mai stated that in response to this issue, Director of Physical Plant Jim Scott had provided good information regarding the ongoing needs of the University moving forward.

Vice President Mai discussed the information provided by Director Scott, commenting that there was a need for additional funding to support these issues, and there was a plan to see some of this in the supplemental request. The University was taking a targeted approach. Vice President Mai noted that the old pool did require attention and maintenance. He added that as the Board continued to consider tuition increases, O&M would be at the top of the list for uses of the funds, as it was necessary.

Trustee True inquired about the legislature not providing full funding for this project but recommending the University build the new facility. Vice President Mai stated that there was a design piece on the project, and the University was not yet ready to build until the funds were in hand. Vice President Mai noted that the current status was to receive a design for the project, but there was no commitment beyond that.

### **3. Approval of Historic Preservation Plan Update - Consultant Agreement—Mai/Collins/Massie**

Director of Government Relations Mike Massie discussed the legislative request for information regarding architectural features and how the “UW look” would be interpreted as the University builds to the east. The University was also going to look into the plan for tearing down Merica Hall and the process and reason behind this decision. Director Massie stated that the request before the Board was for authorization to contract with the first-ranked historic preservation consulting firm, TDSi of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in association with Historic Strategies of Birchrunville,

Pennsylvania. If favorable negotiations could not be completed with the first-ranked firm, negotiations would be opened with the second-ranked firm until a contractual agreement could be successfully completed.

Director Massie stated that once the plan was updated, the University could provide more information to be brought back to the Trustees.

**4. Approval of Architect/Engineer for the Arena Auditorium Renovation - Phase Two—  
Mai/Collins**

Vice President for Administration Bill Mai stated that it was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming authorize contracting with By Architectural Means, P.C., of Cheyenne, Wyoming for Phase Two of the Arena Auditorium renovation. He noted that Ms. Means had been involved in the planning of phase I of the architectural design for the Arena Auditorium. Vice President Mai noted that the project was progressing well, and phase I was expected to be completed in late October, while phase II should begin the following March.

**5. Approval of Trail Easement at Jacoby Golf Course—Mai/Collins**

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming approve the trail easement to the City of Laramie as described in the Board report. Vice President Mai noted that this item was included in this meeting to show good faith to the city. Trustee MacPherson inquired as to whether this was a temporary easement. Vice President Mai stated that it was a 15-year easement with the option for renewal.

Associate Vice President Mark Collins provided clarification for the Jacoby item, noting that this topic was discussed at the January 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, at which time it was brought forward as a license agreement. At the January meeting, the Board requested that the license agreement be changed to an easement. The administration had done as requested, with a 15-year term easement with an option for renewal from both parties.

**6. Approval of State Matching Funds - June 2014—Blalock**

Senior Vice President for Development at the Foundation John Stark referred the Board to the report and briefly discussed the list of gifts for approval of matching funds. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Marsh, Senior Vice President Stark stated that the Foundation had started a waiting list of those who were not on the list of matching funds. He noted that if the legislature were to approve additional matching funds, the Foundation could make calls to donors who were interested in taking advantage of that option. Trustee Davis inquired about a donation of \$250,000 for scholarships in the College of Engineering, to which Senior Vice President Stark replied that the Foundation was working on that donation and an agreement was expected soon. There was an additional inquiry from Trustee Bostrom regarding a gift in the department of geology and geophysics, which had been completed with all documents signed.

**7. Approval of Revisions to UW Regulations 1-1, 1-2 and 4-2—Miller**

Vice President and General Counsel Rick Miller referred the Board to the revisions of UW Regulations relating to the restructuring of the University’s Office of Risk Management and Insurance and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. He noted that those areas would be

structurally changed effective July 1. This was on a fiscal basis and would change only the structure, with no policy changes.

Trustee Marsh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Trustee Davis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion by the Board, and there was a call for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Palmerlee noted his appreciation for Trustee True’s suggestion to hold conference calls on a regular basis so the Board could work through regular business items. He then thanked the Board for their participation.

The Board concluded the public session at 8:49 a.m., moved into Executive Session until 9:01 a.m., and then returned to public session.

There was no further business to come before the Board.

**Adjournment**

Board of Trustees President Dave Palmerlee adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Sanchez  
Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees